

# Comparisons of Job Characteristics

**Focus Occupation:** [Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant and System Operators \(51-8031\)](#)  
**Associated Occupation:** [First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers \(51-1011\)](#)

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

## Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 50

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Production and Processing	6.0	17.4	10.8	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required
Administration and Management	8.4	14.0	8.2	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required
Education and Training	9.2	11.1	11.9	0 Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Mechanical	6.8	10.9	14.8	>> Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient
Mathematics	9.2	10.6	13.5	>> Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient
Personnel and Human Resources	5.6	10.2	6.7	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O\*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

## Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 25

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Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Time Management	8.9	12.6	8.0	<< Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Coordination	9.1	12.0	8.1	<< Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Management of Personnel Resources	6.9	11.8	5.9	<< Extensive development of skills in this area may be required

Negotiation	6.8	9.8	5.7	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Management of Material Resources	3.7	5.8	2.5	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required

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Abilities		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 83			
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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Oral Expression	12.4	14.0	11.9	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Oral Comprehension	12.5	13.3	11.8	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Written Comprehension	11.0	12.2	10.6	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Problem Sensitivity	11.1	12.1	10.3	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Deductive Reasoning	10.6	11.4	9.3	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Speech Clarity	10.2	11.0	8.9	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Written Expression	9.8	11.0	9.6	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Inductive Reasoning	10.2	10.7	9.3	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Originality	7.6	9.7	6.1	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Fluency of Ideas	7.6	9.1	6.7	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Perceptual Speed	7.4	8.4	9.8	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 57
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Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity	
Adjust production equipment/machinery setup	25	
Direct and coordinate activities of workers or staff	3	
Maintain production or work records	19	
Monitor production machinery/equipment operation to detect problems	27	

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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## Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus  
Occupation to Associated  
Occupation: 59

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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Business function specific software	1
Computers	1
Data management and query software	1
Finance accounting and enterprise resource planning ERP software	2

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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